

and preamble be agreed to, en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD with the above occurring without intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 240) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 240

Whereas, the Senate, Senator Tom Daschle, and Senator Trent Lott have been named as defendants in the case of *Aaron Raiser v. Honorable Tom Daschle, et. al.*, Case No. 01CV894B, now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Utah;

Whereas, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 704(a)(1) of the Ethics in Government Act of 1978, 2 U.S.C. §§288b(a) and 288c(a)(1), the Senate may direct its counsel to represent the Senate and its Members in civil actions with respect to proceedings or actions taken in their official capacities; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate Legal Counsel is authorized to represent the Senate, Senator Tom Daschle, and Senator Trent Lott in the case of *Aaron Raiser v. Honorable Tom Daschle, et. al.*

NATIONAL ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE DAY

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 241 submitted earlier today by Senators ROCKEFELLER, BYRD, and REID.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 241) designating April 11, 2002, as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. ROCKEFELLER. Madam President, it is my pleasure to join my colleagues Senator HATCH and Senator BYRD to introduce a resolution designating April 11, 2002 as National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day. I have long been a supporter of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles because they contribute to our nation's energy independence and provide needed environmental benefits.

The transportation sector accounts for more than 65 percent of the petroleum consumed in the United States. Reducing the amount of petroleum used by the transportation sector by encouraging greater use of alternative fuel vehicles and fuels will improve our energy security and bring the added benefit of reducing emissions from that sector of the economy. As the price of gasoline continues to rise, these facts are perhaps more relevant than ever before.

Adoption of this Resolution will enhance a national event this Thursday, April 11, 2002, organized by industry leaders, educational institutions, Al-

ternative Fuel Vehicles (AFV) coalitions, and others. The event, called National AFV Day Odysssey, is a public awareness event being held in more than 50 locations in 31 states nationwide with more than 72 organizations. Thousands of people will participate all over the country. The purpose of the event is to build awareness and enthusiasm for AFV's as a viable option for consumer and fleet transportation.

The debate over energy security and national security issues has been at the forefront of policy discussions in recent months. We must, as a nation, continue searching for alternatives to our dependence on foreign oil. Supporting these existing and new environmentally friendly transportation choices will reduce our oil use and help prevent the environmental damage being done by conventional cars, trucks, and vans.

Alternative fuel vehicles offer the opportunity for continued personal mobility while significantly reducing the harm done to the environment. Nearly 100 cities across the U.S. fail to meet federal air quality standards, and approximately 62 million people live in counties where monitored data show unhealthy air for one or more of the six "criteria" pollutants (carbon monoxide, lead, nitrogen oxides, ozone, particulate matter, and sulfur dioxide).

For many urban areas, alternative fuel vehicles can be a particularly important means to substantially reduce emissions of mobile source pollutants, including volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen that are the precursors of smog. When integrated into America's transportation network in meaningful quantities, alternative fuels—such as electricity, ethanol, hydrogen, natural gas, methanol and propane—can contribute to mitigating the environmental problems caused by the transportation sector.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the resolution and preamble be agreed to, en bloc, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating thereto be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 241) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. RES. 241

Whereas the energy security of the United States needs to be strengthened to prevent future terrorist attacks;

Whereas the United States needs to reduce its dependence on foreign oil;

Whereas the United States needs to improve its air quality by reducing emissions from the millions of motor vehicles on the Nation's roads;

Whereas the United States needs to foster national expertise and technological advancement in cleaner alternative fuel vehicles;

Whereas the people of the United States need more choices in cleaner transportation;

Whereas the people of the United States need to know that alternative fuel vehicles are a positive choice for transportation; and

Whereas it is in the public interest of the United States to foster the support for new and existing technologies that offer more environmentally friendly transportation choices for the people of the United States during peacetime or wartime: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates April 11, 2002 as "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day";

(2) proclaims "National Alternative Fuel Vehicle Day" as a day to promote programs and activities that will lead to the greater use of cleaner transportation in the United States; and

(3) requests the President to issue a proclamation, calling upon interested organizations and the people of the United States—

(A) to promote programs and activities that take full advantage of the new and existing technologies in cleaner alternative fuel vehicles; and

(B) to foster public interest in the use of cleaner alternative fuel vehicles through the dissemination of information.

EXTENDING BIRTHDAY GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES TO LIONEL HAMPTON

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 101, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 101) extending birthday greetings and best wishes to Lionel Hampton on the occasion of his 94th birthday.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. REID. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution and its preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements regarding this concurrent resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 101) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 101

Whereas Lionel Hampton is regarded internationally as one of the greatest jazz musicians of all time and has shared his talents with the world for more than eight decades;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has consistently exemplified acceptance, tolerance, and the celebration of racial and cultural diversity, by being one of the first black musicians to perform in venues and events previously open only to white performers, including performances with the Benny Goodman Quartet from 1936-1940, and as the first black musician to perform for a presidential inauguration, that of Harry S. Truman in 1949;

Whereas Lionel Hampton has furthered the cause of cultural understanding and international communication, receiving a Papal Medallion from Pope Pius XII, the Israel Statehood Award, serving as a Goodwill Ambassador for the United States, and receiving the Honor Cross for Science and the Arts, First Call, one of Austria's highest decorations;